GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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Quality of Alcohol
Khuba Shri Bhagwanth

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether nearly 93% of alcohol consumed in the country is hard liquor;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether most of the alcohol produced and sold in the country is of very low quality/grade in comparison to that of other countries;
(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
(e) the steps taken to ensure production and sale of good quality liquor in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b) : Madam, no such data is maintained by FSSAI as the mandate of FSS Act, 2006 Rules and Regulations made thereunder to ensure the safe and wholesome food to the consumers.

(c) & (d) : Madam, no separate data is available w.r.t. alcohol in FSSAI. However, the consolidated details of samples collected, tested, found not conforming and action taken during the year 2014-15 and 2015-16 (1st April to 30th Sep. 2015) based on information provided by the State/U.T Governments is enclosed at Annexure I & II respectively.

(e) : The implementation and enforcement of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 primarily rests with the State/UT Governments. Surveillance, monitoring inspection and random sampling of food products is being done by the Officials of Food Safety Departments of the respective States/UTs to check compliance of the standards laid down under Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, and the rules and regulations made thereunder. In cases where the food samples are found to be non-conforming, recourse is taken to penal provisions under Chapter IX of the FSS Act, 2006.

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